

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
VALDOSTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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v.	:	CASE NO.: 7:23-CR-66-WLS-TQL-1
LYRIC AMEIRE LINDER,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is the United States of America's Unopposed Motion to Declare the Case Complex Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B), Extend Deadlines in the Standard Pretrial Order, and Request to Specially Set this Matter for Trial. (Doc.27). Specifically, the Government requests that this Court declare the case complex and seeks an extension of the discovery deadlines set forth in the Court's Standard Pretrial Order. (*Id.*) The Government states that it has conferred with Defense Counsel as to the instant Motion (Doc. 27), and Defendant has no objection to it and the relief requested therein. (Doc. 27, at 3).

The Speedy Trial Act permits a district court to grant a continuance of the trial so long as the court makes findings that the ends of justice served by ordering a continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Section 3161(h)(7)(B) provides a number of factors the Court must consider when granting a continuance or extension. *United States v. Ammar*, 842 F.3d 1203, 1206 (11th Cir. 2016). Among those factors are the likelihood that the lack of a continuance will result in a miscarriage of justice, whether the case is especially unusual or complex, or whether the case is unusual or complex enough that the failure to grant a continuance would deprive the defendant continuity of counsel or reasonable time necessary for effective preparation. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B).

In the present case, the Court finds that this case is complex and that failure to grant a continuance would be likely to result in a miscarriage of justice. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i). The Government states the above-styled matter is related to Case No. 7:23-CR-65, which involves a forty-four (44) count Indictment charging twenty (20) different Defendants with Conspiracy to Distribute methamphetamine, cocaine base, cocaine, marijuana, along with substantive counts of Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Cocaine Base, Cocaine, Marijuana, and Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon and in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. (7:23-cr-65, Doc. 1). Accordingly, the Government represents that the above-styled matter also involves the same complex and voluminous discovery because it is “part of the large conspiracy.” (Doc. 27, at 1). Discovery in this case is voluminous and complex comprising over forty (40) body camera videos, seventy (7) audio/video recordings from controlled buys, four (4) different pole cameras and photographs. (Doc. 27, at 2). The Government further notes that it will need to receive hard drives and download the discovery onto them before it can produce discovery and that witnesses and evidence are also located outside the Middle District of Georgia. (*Id.*) As such, the Government states that Defense Counsel will need additional time to review discovery, to determine whether to file any pretrial motions, and to prepare for trial. (*Id.* at 3). The Government also proposes that the Court set a status conference with the Parties for the purpose of discussing an appropriate schedule. (*Id.* at 4).

Based on reasons stated in the Unopposed Motion (Doc. 27), the Court finds that this case is too complex to expect the parties to prepare for trial during the statutory time periods. Therefore, in this case, the ends of justice served by granting a continuance and designating the case as complex outweigh the best interest of the public and Defendants in a speedy trial.

Therefore, for good cause shown, the Government’s Unopposed Motion (Doc. 27) is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the case is deemed complex, and the above-captioned matter is hereby **CERTIFIED COMPLEX**. Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that this case be **EXCLUDED FROM COMPUTATION** under 18 U.S.C. § 3161 for the aforementioned

reasons. Accordingly, the case is hereby **CONTINUED** beyond the time limitations set by the Speedy Trial Act.

The Parties are hereby **ORDERED** to confer and then meet with the Court in a status conference to discuss deadlines and scheduling. The Court shall set the time and date for the status conference by a separate Order. The Court intends to set a special trial date for the above-styled matter following the status conference.

**SO ORDERED**, this 11th day of September 2023.

/s/ W. Louis Sands

**W. LOUIS SANDS, SR. JUDGE**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**